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Dear Sir/Madam,

Attached please find the publication of Heineken NV dated December 20, 2001.
This publication is filed in relation with the exemption under Rule 12g3-2(b) of Heineken NV.

Should you have any questions please call me.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ J. C. van de Merbel

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Amsterdam, 20 December 2001

After successful tender offer Heineken now owns 97% of Heineken España

Heineken N.V. has successfully completed the tender offer to purchase the remaining 15% of outstanding shares of Heineken España S.A. Heineken now owns 97.19% of the shares of Heineken España. The shares are still listed on the Madrid stock exchange. Heineken acquired 7,270,401 shares and paid EUR 7.50 per share. Thus the total acquisition price amounted to EUR 54.5 million. This transaction will have a negligible positive effect on the net profit per share of Heineken N.V. in 2001.

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Note for the editor

Heineken N.V. is the world's most international brewing group. Heineken beer is sold in more than 170 countries, and the group has over 110 breweries in more than 50 countries. In 2000 net turnover amounted to EUR 8.1 billion and net profit to EUR 621 million. Heineken employs almost 38,000 people.